

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Added text is indicated by underlining, and deleted text is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~. Changes are identified by a vertical bar in the margin.

1           1-5. (canceled).

1           6. (previously presented) A pill box comprising:  
2           a base having a pill cutting surface;  
3           a lid connected to the base, the lid having a blade; and  
4           a retractable blade guard secured to the base and engaging the lid, wherein the lid  
5 comprises a cam, and wherein the blade guard is threaded over the cam.

1           7. (Original) The pill box of claim 6, wherein the blade guard is retractable  
2 such that it covers the blade when the lid is open and retracts to expose the blade when the lid is  
3 closed.

1           8-18. (canceled).

1           19. (previously presented) A pill box comprising:  
2           a base comprising a bottom side and a top side, the top side having a pill storage  
3 compartment, a pill cutting surface, and a pill grip coupled to the pill cutting surface;  
4           a lid having a top side and a bottom side, the bottom side having a blade coupled  
5 thereto, wherein the lid is coupled to the base by one or more hinges;  
6           a retractable blade guard coupled at one end to the bottom side of the base,  
7           wherein the lid comprises a cam, and wherein the blade guard is threaded over the  
8 cam.

1           20-33. (canceled).

- 1           34. (Original) A pill box comprising:  
2           a base comprising a bottom side and a top side, the top side having a pill storage  
3           compartment, a pill cutting surface, and a pill grip coupled to the pill cutting surface;  
4           a lid having a proximal end with a cam and a bottom side having a blade coupled  
5           thereto, wherein the lid is coupled to the base by one or more hinges; and  
6           a blade guard comprising a sheet coupled at one end to the bottom side of the  
7           base, wherein the blade guard is threaded over the cam and is retractable such that it covers the  
8           blade when the lid is open and retracts to expose the blade to the pill cutting surface when the lid  
9           is closed.
- 1           35. (Original) The pill box of claim 34, wherein the pill grip comprises a first  
2           holding arm and a second holding arm for adjustably centering a pill on the pill cutting surface  
3           into alignment with the blade.
- 1           36. (Original) The pill box of claim 35, wherein the first holding arm  
2           comprises a first portion that is rigidly coupled to the pill cutting surface and a second region that  
3           is flexibly coupled to the first portion, and wherein the second holding arm comprises a first  
4           portion that is rigidly coupled to the pill cutting surface and a second portion that is flexibly  
5           coupled to the first portion, the first portion of the first holding arm parallel to the first portion of  
6           the second holding arm, the second portion of the first holding arm and the second portion of the  
7           second holding arm inwardly biased toward one another.
- 1           37. (Original) The pill box of claim 34, wherein the bottom side of the lid  
2           comprises a first wall having a channel formed along its length and a second wall with a channel  
3           formed along its length, wherein the first and second walls run parallel with each other and  
4           the blade, and wherein the channels face each other.
- 1           38. (Original) The pill box of claim 37, wherein the channels in the first and  
2           second walls receive the blade guard.

1                   39-56. (canceled).

1                 57. (previously presented) A kit comprising:  
2                 one or more pills; and  
3                 a pill box comprising:  
4                         a base having a pill cutting surface and a pill grip;  
5                         a lid connected to the base, the lid having a blade; and  
6                         a retractable blade guard secured to the base and engaging the lid,  
7                         wherein the lid comprises a cam, and wherein the blade guard is threaded over the  
8                 cam.

1                   58-83. (canceled).